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SUBJ: NON-STANDARD BOAT OPERATORS HANDBOOK

A. MY 101737Z APR 02 (ALCOAST 186/02)

1. CANCEL REF A.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ALCOAST IS TO ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE OF THE NON-STANDARD BOAT OPERATORS HANDBOOK, COMDTINST M16114.28, WHICH I SIGNED ON 3APRIL2002.

3. THIS MANUAL REPRESENTS SEVERAL YEARS OF HARD WORK BY FIELD AND HEADQUARTERS LEVEL PERSONNEL. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MANUAL COVERS BASIC BOAT OPERATION, NOMENCLATURE, AND PROVIDES SAMPLE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND BOAT OUTFIT LISTS AND A TRAILER-TRUCK MATCHING CHECKLIST WHICH CAN BE USED FOR ALL USCG TOWING APPLICATIONS.

4. DISTRICT COMMANDERS WHO HAVE PUBLISHED A SIMILAR MANUAL SHALL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO BRING THEIR GUIDANCE INTO ALIGNMENT WITH THIS INSTRUCTION. DURING THIS POLICY ALIGNMENT PROCESS THERE ARE SOME ELEMENTS OF DISTRICT POLICY THAT SHOULD REMAIN IN FORCE: BOAT OPERATING PARAMETERS, OFFICIAL OUTFIT LISTS, ANY DISTRICT SPECIFIC RFO DRILLS OR OTHER GUIDANCE. WHERE CONFLICTS EXIST, THE COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE.

5. I REMAIN COMMITTED TO PROVIDING STANDARD BOATS OVER THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS TO REPLACE OUR LARGE NON-STANDARD BOAT FLEET AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN THIS MANUAL WILL BE SUPERCEDED BY OPERATORS HANDBOOKS FOR THE STANDARD BOATS WHICH WILL BE IN PLACE THEN. UNTIL THAT TIME, THIS MANUAL, USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER COMMANDANT INSTRUCTIONS, IS THE PRIMARY DOCUMENT WHICH GOVERNS THE OPERATION OF NON-STANDARD BOATS IN THE COAST GUARD.

6. NO PAPER DISTRIBUTION IS PLANNED AT THIS TIME. OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE VIA THE USCG DIRECTIVES SYSTEM CD. AN ELECTRONIC VERSION HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE COMDT (G-OCS) INTRANET WEBSITE ([HTTP://CGWEB.COMDT.USCG.MIL/G-OCS/MANUALS.HTM](http://CGWEB.COMDT.USCG.MIL/G-OCS/MANUALS.HTM)). THIS VERSION MAY BE DOWNLOADED FOR VIEWING AND PRINTING.

7. AREA AND DISTRICT COMMANDERS, COMMANDING OFFICERS OF HQ UNITS, AND ASST COMDTs FOR DIRECTORATES, SHALL ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS MANUAL.

8. FOR COMMENTS/QUESTIONS, CONTACT LT RICH CONDIT AT RCONDIT "AT SIGN" COMDT.USCG.MIL OR (202) 267-6706.

9. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED

10. RADM TERRY CROSS, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR OPERATIONS, SENDS.

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